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1. AFTER WEEK LONG VISIT TO TRIPOLI, MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR

SALAH RETURNZPMQO NOUAKCHOTT MARCH 6 AND ANNOUNCED THAT LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALUD WOULD VISIT MAURITANIA AT UNSPECIFIED DATE IN JUNE. SALAH ALSO SAID LARG WILLING TO RECEIVE GIRM MINISTER OF

PLAN AND INDUSTRILIZATION SIDI TO DISCUSS "POSSIBILITIES FOR

FINANCKD PRIORITY (MAURITANIAN) NATIONAL PROJECTS". END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: AT SIDI'S URGING, GIRM RECENTLY ASSUMED CONTROL OF BANKRUPT COPPER MINE (SOMIMA) BY AGREEING TO PAY PARMOF COMPANY'S DEBTS. GIRM IS IN NO POSITION, HOWEVER, TO PAY ITS 20 MILLION DOLLAR SHARE OF DEBTS (REFTEL). WE BELIEVE ONE OF SIDI'S "PRIORITY" PROJECTS WILL BE FINDING CAPITAL IN TRIPOIE FOR PAYING COPPER MINE BILLS. SIDI'S FISHING TRIP WILL NOT BE LIMITED, HOWEVER, TO THIS ONE PROJECT. AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS (E.G. PETROLEUM REFINERY AND STEEL MILL), PLUS COST OF OPERATING AND INDEMNITY FOR RECENTLY NATIONALIZED MIFERMA IRON MINE, CONTINUE TO THREATKN GIRM FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES.SHINN

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